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Marked declines in the mortality from tuberculosis and influenza and pneumonia were a large factor in the improvement noted in the total mortality. Tuberculosis, which caused 13.9 per cent of the deaths in 1920, showed a death rate 14 per cent less than that for 1919, and 40 per cent less than that for 1911. Mortality from influenza-pneumonia was 27 per cent lower in 1920 than in 1919, despite the sharp return of the disease in the early months of the year.

Mortality from Bright's disease declined 27 per cent from the figures registered in 1911, and 5.6 per cent from those for 1919. According to the records of the company, the most pronounced declines in the mortality from this disease have occurred since 1917.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED FEB. 12, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Feb. 12, 1921. (From the "Weekly Health Index," Feb. 15, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

Policies in force.....	45,626,780
Number of death claims.....	8,361
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	9.6

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Feb. 12, 1921, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years. (From the "Weekly Health Index," Feb. 15, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

City.	Estimated population, July 1, 1921.	Week ended Feb. 12, 1921.		Average annual death rate per 1,000. ²	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate. ³	
		Total deaths.	Death rate. ¹		Week ended Feb. 12, 1921.	Pre-vious year or years. ²	Week ended Feb. 12, 1921. ⁴	Corre-spond-ing week, 1919.
Akron, Ohio.....	229,195	24	5.5	5 11.1	7	5 4	67	106
Albany, N. Y.....	115,071	46	20.8	C 17.8	2	C 3	45	81
Atlanta, Ga.....	207,473	66	16.6	C 21.0	13	C 9	...	...
Baltimore, Md.....	751,537	261	18.1	A 19.1	38	A 32	107	98
Birmingham, Ala.....	186,133	47	13.2	A 18.5	6	A 6	...	...
Boston, Mass.....	757,634	201	13.8	A 18.1	23	A 40	62	97
Bridgeport, Conn.....	149,967	31	10.8	A 17.2	1	A 7	13	88
Buffalo, N. Y.....	519,608	130	13.0	C 19.7	21	C 39	81	110
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,444	22	10.4	A 17.5	2	A 5	36	70
Camden, N. J.....	119,672	41	17.9	...	7	...	...	...
Chicago, Ill.....	2,780,655	710	13.3	A 16.0	134	A 145	...	...
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	403,418	112	14.5	C 20.5	14	C 18	92	88
Cleveland, Ohio.....	831,138	204	12.8	C 13.8	32	C 32	86	95
Columbus, Ohio.....	245,838	73	15.5	C 14.8	7	C 6	81	94
Dallas, Tex.....	165,282	38	12.0	A 15.2	6	A 4	...	...
Dayton, Ohio.....	158,119	28	9.2	C 19.0	3	C 4	49	89
Denver, Colo.....	263,152	70	13.9	A 18.1	9	...	...	...
Detroit, Mich.....	1,070,450	210	10.2	...	45	...	85	97
Fall River, Mass.....	120,668	39	16.9	C 15.2	11	C 7	165	119
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	141,197	33	12.2	C 15.6	2	C 8	34	85
Houston, Tex.....	144,940	33	11.9	...	2	...	...	...

¹ Annual rates per 1,000 population.

² "A" indicates data for the corresponding week of the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive. "C" indicates data for the corresponding week of the year 1918.

³ Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

⁴ Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1920.

⁵ Data are based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Feb. 12, 1921, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years—Continued.

City.	Estimated population. July 1, 1921.	Week ended Feb. 12, 1921.		Average annual death rate per 1,000.	Death under 1 year.		Infant mor- tality rate.	
		Total deaths.	Death rate.		Week ended Feb. 12, 1921.	Pre- vious year or years.	Week ended Feb. 12, 1921.	Corre- spond- ing week, 1921.
Indianapolis, Ind.	325,215	64	10.3	C 16.3	13	C 14	101	80
Jersey City, N. J.	302,788	91	15.7	C 14.0	14	C 11		
Kansas City, Kans.	103,908	26	13.0		9		215	108
Kansas City, Mo.	336,157	98	15.2	C 20.3	20	C 11		
Los Angeles, Calif.	611,636	181	15.4	A 15.5	14	A 13	66	67
Louisville, Ky.	236,083	55	12.1	C 27.0	5	C 12	58	96
Lowell, Mass.	113,757	28	12.8	A 16.7	5	A 7	80	124
Milwaukee, Wis.	468,386	105	11.7	A 13.8	22	A 27	107	101
Minneapolis, Minn.	392,815	98	13.0	C 11.2	16	C 13	91	65
Nashville, Tenn.	119,536	38	16.6	C 21.4	5	C 3		
New Bedford, Mass.	125,012	48	20.0	A 16.6	12	A 9	184	122
New Haven, Conn.	167,007	38	11.9	C 18.2	6	C 13	71	73
New Orleans, La.	394,657	152	20.1	A 22.1	22	A 20		
New York, N. Y.	5,751,867	1,467	13.3	C 16.8	209	C 272	82	81
Newark, N. J.	424,885	95	11.7	C 16.4	12	C 15		
Norfolk, Va.	121,260	32	13.8		4		71	108
Oakland, Calif.	226,472	51	11.7	A 13.2	5	A 4	63	61
Omaha, Nebr.	197,066	48	12.7		6			
Paterson, N. J.	137,463	28	10.6		3			
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,866,212	467	13.0	^a 17.7	82	^a 81	99	91
Pittsburgh, Pa.	596,413	190	16.6	C 20.9	30	C 40	106	114
Portland, Oreg.	264,859	56	11.0	C 11.4	11	C 10	110	69
Providence, R. I.	239,645	68	14.8	C 19.0	9	C 15		
Richmond, Va.	175,686	51	15.1	C 18.4	7	C 13	85	106
Rochester, N. Y.	305,229	93	15.9	C 14.9	20	C 9	155	74
St. Louis, Mo.	786,164	216	14.3	C 17.0	26	C 30		
St. Paul, Minn.	237,781	52	11.4	C 11.9	4	C 11	40	63
Salt Lake City, Utah.	121,595	33	14.2	A 13.8	3		46	77
San Francisco, Calif.	520,546	131	13.1	C 14.1	7	C 10	41	62
Seattle, Wash.	327,227	53	8.4	A 9.3	7	A 6	58	55
Spokane, Wash.	104,442	36	18.0	C 14.0	3	C 3	66	55
Springfield, Mass.	135,877	35	13.4		2		30	84
Syracuse, N. Y.	177,265	58	17.1	C 15.7	8	C 10	96	91
Toledo, Ohio.	253,696	67	13.8	A 14.0	7	A 10	71	90
Trenton, N. J.	122,760	31	13.2	A 22.5	4	A 10		
Washington, D. C.	454,026	102	11.7	A 18.3	10	A 13	58	85
Wilmington, Del.	113,408	47	21.6	C 21.8	8			
Worcester, Mass.	184,972	52	14.7	C 17.0	8	C 5	86	92
Yonkers, N. Y.	103,324	28	14.1	A 12.1	5	A 4	113	89
Youngstown, Ohio.	139,432	26	9.7		6		76	99

^a Data are based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.